

08/025,957, filed March 3, 1993, which in turn is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application No. 07/839,911, filed February 21, 1992.

Please replace the paragraph, beginning at Page 6, line 1, with the following:

Turning now to FIGS. 7-9, an alternative embodiment of the present invention includes the wire body and suture connections described above. This alternative also includes a prosthetic graft 13 disposed inside the central opening of the wire body. The graft is a round, open tube made of polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFF), dacron or any other suitable biocompatible material. One or more loop members 12 connect the graft 13 to the wire body 11 as shown in FIG. 9. In place, the graft closes the diamond shaped openings of the stent structure to further minimize plaque herniation and minimize the flow of fluid and cellular elements through the structure.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at Page 6, line 19, with the following:

In one example, the graft 13 is a plain weave fabric construction made in a seamless tubular form on conventional equipment, either a shuttle narrow fabric weaving machine or a needle narrow fabric weaving machine. The tube is of multi filament polyester yarn of 40 denier or less (preferably 20, 30 or 40 denier). The wall thickness of the tube is 0.2 mm or less (preferably 0.1 mm); and it has a water permeability of between 50 and 500 ml/cm²/min at 16 kPa (millimeters of water per square centimeter per minute at a pressure of 16 kPa). The fabric may be coated with a drug substance to reduce permeability, cause local anticoagulation, or reduce cellular infiltration.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-9 and add the following new claims 10-28.

10. (Newly Added) A stent-graft combination comprising a tubular stent having a plurality of hoops aligned adjacent one another along

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